

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

#### **Listing of Claims**

1-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A valve, comprising a housing into which an intake connecting piece, an outlet connecting piece, and a pressure relief outlet discharge, and a spherical closing part, mounted so [it] the spherical closing part is rotationally movable by a lever, wherein the outlet connecting piece is connected to the pressure relief outlet in a closed position, wherein an air supply inlet also discharges into the housing and the spherical closing part is rotatable by more than 90°, such that after a closing motion around 90°, the closing part is further rotatable in the closing direction with the valve closed until the outlet connecting piece is connected to the air supply inlet with the pressure relief outlet closed again.

14. (Currently Amended) The valve according to claim 13, wherein the further rotation into [~~the~~] a purge setting is performed around an angle in the range of about 20° to about 45°.

15. (Previously Presented) The valve according to claim 14, wherein the further rotation into the purge setting is performed around an angle of about 30°.

16. (Previously Presented) The valve according to claim 13, wherein the lever is locked to the housing in its closed setting.

17. (Previously Presented) The valve according to claim 16, wherein the locking is performed in a spring-loaded operation.

18. (Previously Presented) The valve according to claim 13, wherein the spherical closing part has double bearings.

19. (Previously Presented) The valve according to claim 13, wherein the spherical closing part is sealed in relation to the intake connecting piece, the pressure relief outlet, and the air supply inlet with a respective spring-loaded sealing ring.

20. (Currently Amended) The valve according to claim ~~[13]~~ 19, wherein cast webs are provided in the spherical closing part to guide the sealing rings to the pressure relief outlet and to the air supply inlet.

21. (Previously Presented) The valve according to claim 19, wherein the sealing rings are made of glass-fiber reinforced plastic.

22. (Previously Presented) The valve according to claim 13, wherein the spherical closing part is supported toward the outlet connecting piece using a thrust collar made of bearing metal.

23. (Previously Presented) The valve according to claim 13, wherein the spherical closing part is manufactured from cast iron in a hard-chromium plated embodiment.

24. (Previously Presented) The valve according to claim 13, wherein the housing is made of stainless steel.

25. (Previously Presented) The valve according to claim 13, wherein the valve is at least one of a vapor valve and a steam valve.

26. (Previously Presented) The valve according to claim 13, wherein the lever is a hand lever.

27. (Previously Presented) The valve according to claim 14, wherein the lever is locked to the housing in its closed setting.

28. (Previously Presented) The valve according to claim 15, wherein the lever is locked to the housing in its closed setting.

29. (Previously Presented) The valve according to claim 14, wherein the spherical closing part has double bearings.

30. (Previously Presented) The valve according to claim 15, wherein the spherical closing part has double bearings.

31. (Previously Presented) The valve according to claim 16, wherein the spherical closing part has double bearings.

32. (Previously Presented) The valve according to claim 17, wherein the spherical closing part has double bearings.